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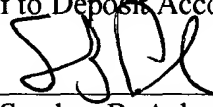
REF: APPLICANT: : S. M. Jang et al.
SERIAL NO. : 09/418,031
ART UNIT : 1765
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Stop Layer

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Sir:


In response to rejection of the claims in the above referenced application for United States Patent in an office action mailed 23 October 2001 and made FINAL, applicants filed a notice of appeal on 21 December 2001. In accord with applicants' notice of appeal, please accept this appeal brief. No oral hearing is requested.


The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$320.00 associated with this appeal brief to Deposit Account No. 19-0033, along with any additional extension fee required.


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